

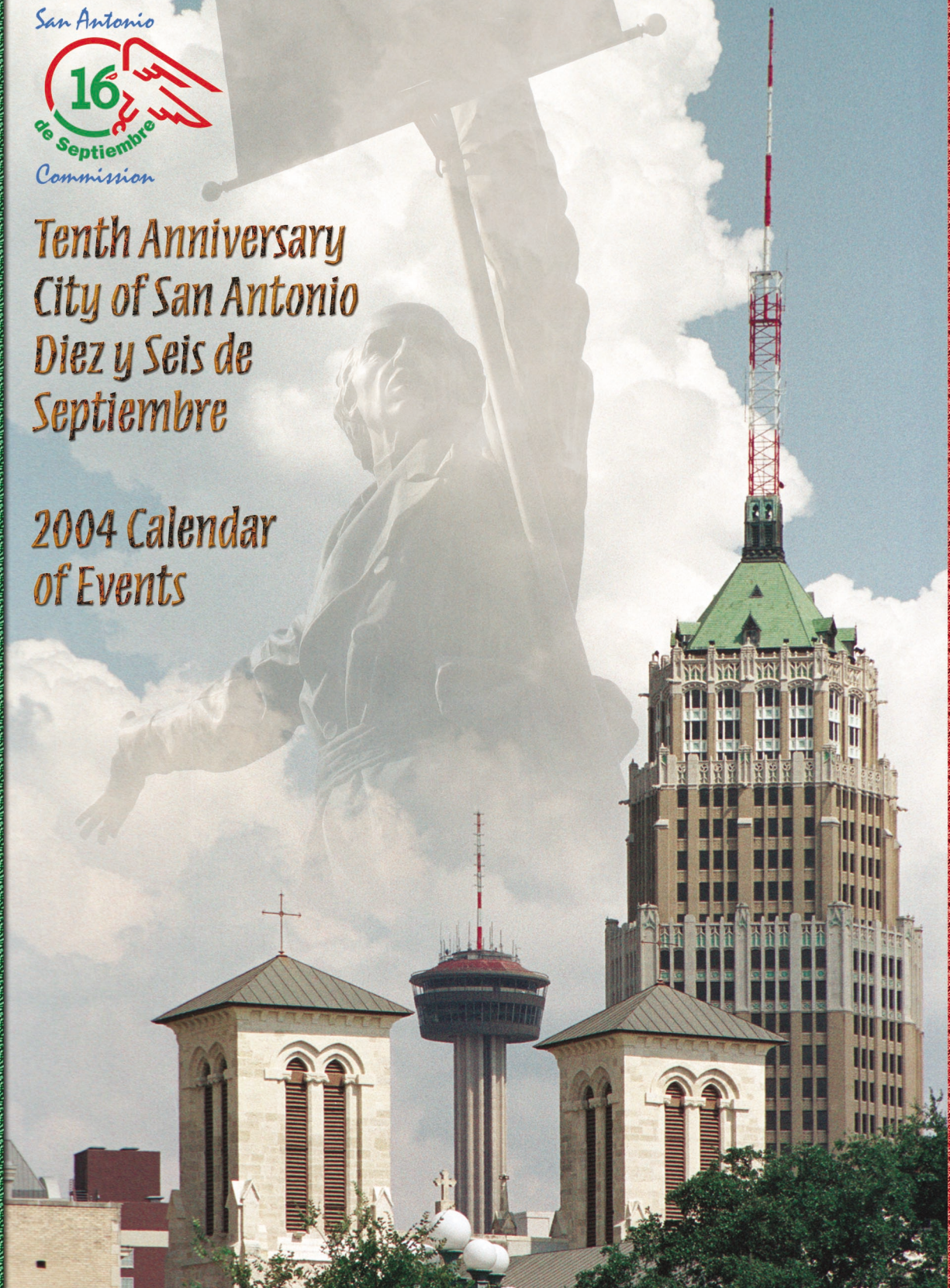
San Antonio



Commission

*Tenth Anniversary
City of San Antonio
Diez y Seis de
Septiembre*

*2004 Calendar
of Events*



Wednesday, Sept. 1

Diez y Seis de Septiembre News Conference

Instituto de Mexico, HemisFair Park.
10:00 a.m. 207-7235

Thursday, Sept. 2



Diez y Seis de Septiembre Proclamation

City Council Meeting,
City Council Chamber,
Municipal Plaza Bldg.,

114 W. Commerce. 1:00 p.m. 207-7235

Saturday, Sept. 4

Avenida Guadalupe Parade: Celebrating 25 Years of Working Together for a Better Tomorrow.

Watch floats as they make their way along a 1.7 mile route through the heart of San Antonio's West Side, ending at the Texas Diabetes Institute on S. Zarzamora. Will be televised nationally on Telemundo (KVDA-TV 60). Noon. 223-3151. www.agatx.org



Calle Guadalupe Festival

Plaza Guadalupe, 1327 Guadalupe St. Music and entertainment on two stages, food and fun. Headliner: Yahari. Free admission. 10:00 a.m. to midnight. 223-3151. www.agatx.org

Wednesday, Sept. 8

Diez y Seis Scholarship Awards Reception

City Council Chamber, 114 W. Commerce. The Diez y Seis de Septiembre Commission awards scholarships to eight deserving local students. Emcee: Bianca Valenzuela, KSAT-12. 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 680-3412 or 521-9121

Saturday, Sept. 11

Avenida Guadalupe Gala: Celebrating 25 Years of Working Together for a Better Tomorrow.



St. Anthony Hotel, 300 E. Travis, Anacacho Room. Benefit gala including reception, dinner and an awards ceremony. Keynote speaker: Congressman Charlie Gonzalez. Ernie Awards: Individual - Father Edmundo Rodriguez; Civic - Inner City Development; Corporate - HEB; Lifetime Achievement - Judge Albert Peña. By ticket only. 223-3151 or www.agatx.org.

Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 11-12

Fiestas Patrias

Market Square, 514 W. Commerce. Proceeds fund scholarships to college-bound youth. Sponsored by Ladies LULAC Council 648. Free entertainment and admission. Saturday: noon to 11:30 p.m. Sunday: noon - 10:30 p.m. 207-8600.

Sunday, Sept. 12

16 de Septiembre Mass

San Fernando Cathedral, 111 Soledad. 8:00 a.m. Reception to follow.

Monday, Sept. 13

Senior Kermes

Convention Center, Ballroom A. For seniors registered at City nutrition centers. Featuring dance, mariachis and food. Contests and awards to follow for best regional costumes and table decorating. Basic health screenings will be provided. 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. 207-7172

Wednesday, Sept. 15

CXCIV Anniversary of Mexico's Independence

Municipal Auditorium, 100 Auditorium Circle. The Consul General of Mexico in San Antonio will deliver El Grito. 7:00 p.m. Free admission. 227-0130, ext. 12

Thursday, Sept. 16

Civic Ceremony

HemisFair Park, Plaza Mexico, 600 HemisFair Way. Commemoration of the main figure of the Mexican Independence, Don Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla. 10:00 a.m. 227-0130, ext. 12

Saturday, Sept. 18

Festival de Los Niños

Brackenridge High School, 400 Eagleland Dr. Mexican cultural activities and musical entertainment for the whole family. San Antonio Police Department, San Antonio Fire Department and others will be onsite along with mascots such as McGruff. Free public event. Noon - 3:00 p.m.

Mariachi Festival

Brackenridge High School, 400 Eagleland Dr. Middle and high school mariachi groups perform. Emcee: Mike Pesina, KVDA-60. 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 18

Empanada Day!

San Antonio Library will host Empanada Day at the Central Library Auditorium, 600 Soledad. Guests will be able to learn about empanadas' multicultural history, attend cooking demonstrations, listen to a special reading from Diane Bertrand's latest book "The Empanadas that Abuela Made" and taste various samples from local bakeries and restaurants - all for free! 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

For more information on the Empanada Fair at the San Antonio Library, please call 207-2500.

Sponsored by Beto's Comida Latina, 8142 Broadway, 930-9393

Sunday, Sept. 19

Symphony Under the Stars

Santikos Mission Drive-In, 3100 Roosevelt. Performances throughout the day along with food booths, crafts and much more. San Antonio Symphony performs music from various latin countries at 5:00 p.m. No outside food allowed but blankets and chairs are welcome. Free and open to the public. 11 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. 798-5646

Other events

The 16 de Septiembre Commission and the San Antonio Public Library present a journey through the vibrant culture of México through art and literature! Experience a lively mix of crafts and stories to celebrate Diez y Seis de Septiembre. 207-2500



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Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla and the Grito de Dolores

Just as George Washington is considered the father of the United States, Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla is known as the man who directed Mexico to independence.

At the time of Hidalgo's birth, Mexico was known as New Spain. In his adult years, Hidalgo was highly critical of the ruling Spanish government's treatment of the indigenous and mestizo people. In addition, there was widespread hunger and disease.

Hidalgo acquired many allies among the intelligentsia and lower middle classes. Spurred in part by the success of the U.S. colonists, the movement to overthrow the Spanish government was underway. The Mexican patriots were fine-tuning details for their outbreak, including escape routes to Bejar and Nacogdoches, when they were discovered by the Spanish authorities.

On the morning of September 16, 1810, Hidalgo and his compatriots took up arms and imprisoned Spanish officials in the town of Dolores, Guanajuato. Hidalgo then urged the townspeople to rally to the Mexican cause. His exhortation of freedom and justice is known as the Grito de Dolores and is the watershed event in Mexican history. Town after town fell into the revolutionaries' control, but it would be ten years before Mexican independence would be achieved.

The crown was able to repel, at high cost, the subsequent thrusts by Hidalgo. In Saltillo, Coahuila, the Viceroy offered Hidalgo a pardon if he would cease and desist from his revolutionary actions. Hidalgo replied, "El indulto es para los criminales no para los defensores de la patria," or "Pardons are for crimi-

nals, not for defenders of the motherland." He eventually was captured in Monclova, Coahuila, and put to death on July 30, 1811.

Hidalgo's actions were not in vain, however, as other Mexican patriots such as first president, José María Morelos, and Ignacio López Rayón were successful in their fight against the Spanish crown.

Today, the Grito de Dolores symbolizes Mexico's pursuit of truth and justice which Hidalgo spawned.

By Roberto A. Vázquez and based on Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, published by the Instituto Nacional de Estudios Historicos de la Revolucion Mexicana

SAN ANTONIO LIBRARY EVENTS

Wednesday September 15

Cody 3 p.m. Ojo de Dios - God's Eye Craft for Children.

Oakwell 7 p.m. Special reading with poet Nephtali De Leon, author of "Tequila Mockingbird" and "Pollito Amarillo" (Family Program).

Westfall 10:30 a.m. Preschool stories from and about Latin America.

Thursday, September 16th

Johnston 3:30 p.m. Fiesta Flowers-- for all ages.

Memorial 3 p.m. Papel Picado. Help the library make a banner out of papel picado. ages 8 to 12.

Carver 2 p.m. Michael's Crafts:

Luminaria & Candle Making Demonstration (Teens and Adults).

Memorial 10 a.m. Hispanic Folktales and crafts.

Monday, September 20

Central 7 p.m. VOLUME: Teen Poetry with special guest poet Nephtali De Leon. Teens are invited to share original poetry.

Cody 6:30 p.m. Bilingual Tales.

Tuesday, September 21

Pan American 6:30 p.m. Southside Reader's Theater: Hispanic Heritage Month Performance.

Westfall 3:30 p.m. Hispanic Heritage Kids' Craft: Make a Peruvian-Style Bag or Balero.

Oakwell 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Preschool Storytime: El Gallo Elegante.

Wednesday, September 22

Guerra 4 p.m. ¡Velas! Michael's Crafts: Luminaria & Candle Making Demonstration (Teens and Adults).

Thursday, September 23

Central 6:30 p.m. Ceramic Suns Workshop Session 1-- Learn how to form a sun out of clay. Suns will be fired and returned at the second session, Thursday, September 30th at 6:30 p.m. First-come-first served basis; suitable for middle school age through adults.

Memorial 7 p.m. Bolero! Learn the bolero with Aaron & Laura of Salón México. Pre-registration begins Sept. 9. Class limit 24.

Saturday, September 25

Oakwell 2 p.m. ¡Velas! Michael's Crafts: Luminaria & Candle Making Demonstration (Teens and Adults).

Johnston 1 p.m. Papel Picado and Ojos de Dios Crafts. For ages 7-12. Tickets required!

Sunday, September 26

Forest Hills 2 p.m. Author Visit-- Nephtali De Leon (see Sept. 15)

Central Noon. Cantinflas Movie Day! Enjoy some of the greatest works of the master comedian! (family program)

Tuesday, September 28

Las Palmas 7 p.m. Southside Reader's Theater: Hispanic Heritage Month Performance.

Pan American Branch 6:30 p.m. Author Visit-- Nephtali De Leon (see Sept. 15)

Wednesday, September 29

McCreless 7 p.m. Tortilla para Mama: Tortilla Making Workshop. Learn how to make homemade flour tortillas!

Oakwell 6:30 p.m. Make a Paper Piñata. Family Program. Call 828-2569 to register. Limit 30.

Thursday, September 30

Cortez 6:30 p.m. ¡Velas! Michael's Crafts: Luminaria & Candle Making Demonstration (Teens and Adults).

Saturday, October 2

Memorial 3 p.m. Ojo de Dios Craft.

Reagan 2 p.m. Michael's Crafts: Luminaria & Candle Making Demonstration (Teens and Adults).

Sunday, October 3

Central Noon - 4 p.m. Chicano Literary Symposium. Join a panel of imminent authors, thinkers, critics and philosophers for a discussion of art, politics and literature.

Thousand Oaks 2 p.m. ¡Velas! Michael's Crafts: Luminaria & Candle Making Demonstration (Teens and Adults).

Monday, October 4

Central 7 p.m. Youth(wired): Teens are invited to share original poetry in a friendly non-competitive atmosphere.

Bazan 6:30 p.m. ¡Velas! Michael's Crafts: Luminaria & Candle Making Demonstration (Teens and Adults).

Tuesday, October 5

Collins Gardens 7 p.m. ¡Velas! Michael's Crafts: Luminaria & Candle Making Demonstration (Teens and Adults).

Memorial 6:30 p.m. Family Prime Time celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month-- Play "La Lotería" with us and win!

Wednesday, October 6

Oakwell 6:30 p.m. Ojo de Dios Craft. Family Program. Call 828-2569 to register. Limit 30.

Thursday, October 7

Cortez 3:30 p.m. Southside Reader's Theater: Hispanic Heritage Month Performance.

Westfall 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Mambo Dance Therapy! Dance your blues away with Jorge Alonso Perez. Learn and share the cultural richness of dance and music while enjoying the healing effects and energizing physical well-being of dance and building community. (2nd session October 14th)

Saturday, October 9

Central 2 p.m. Youth(wired): Enchilada Players Reader's Theater Group. A Children's Puppet show written and presented by teens.

BrookHollow 10:30 a.m. ¡Velas! Michael's Crafts: Candle Making Demonstration (Teens and Adults).

Monday, October 11

Central 6:30 p.m. Youth(wired): Sugar Skull Workshop. Make one to take and one to leave on the Central Library's Dia De Los Muertos Display!

Guerra 6:30 p.m. Author Visit - Nephtali De Leon (see Sept. 15)

Tuesday, October 12

Johnston Evening Book Club-- "How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents" by Julia Alvarez.

Oakwell 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Preschool Storytime: "Goat in the Chile Patch."

Wednesday, October 13

Memorial 7 p.m. ¡Velas! Michael's Crafts: Luminaria & Candle Making Demonstration (Teens and Adults).

Thursday, October 14

Westfall 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Mambo Dance Therapy! (see Oct. 7)

Central	..... 600 Soledad	..... 207-2500
Bazan	..... 2200 W. Commerce	..... 225-1614
Brook Hollow	.... 530 Heimer	..... 496-6315
Carver	..... 3350 E. Commerce	..... 225-7801
Cody	..... 11441 Vance Jackson	..... 696-6396
Collins	..... 200 N. Park	..... 225-0331
Cortez	..... 2803 Hunter	..... 922-7372
Forest Hills	..... 5245 Ingram Rd.	..... 431-2544
Guerra	..... 7978 Military Dr. West	.... 673-1492
Johnston	..... 6307 Sun Valley	..... 674-8410
Las Palmas	..... 515 Castroville Rd.	..... 434-6394
McCreless	..... 1023 Ada St.	..... 532-4254
Memorial	..... 3222 Culebra	..... 432-6783
Oakwell	..... 4134 Harry Wurzbach	.... 828-2569
Pan American 1122 W. Pyron Ave. 924-8164
Reagan 19000 Ronald Reagan Dr.	. 482-2200
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Thousand Oaks	... 4618 Thousand Oaks 657-5205
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HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH